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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MENWFZ

REFS: (A) USUN 3710; (B) STATE 288400

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUE DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 9, REF (A) ARE FURNISHED PURSUANT TO PARA 2, REF (B).

3. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE, CONSISTING OF THREE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS AND ONE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FOR INCLUSION IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE EGYPTIAN DRAFT.
QUOTE:

BEARING IN MIND THE CONSENSUS VIEW OF THE 35TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

WISHING TO BUILD ON THAT CONSENSUS SO THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TOWARD ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND

CONSIDERING THAT AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A MENWFZ WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA,

1. DECLARES THE NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
END QUOTE.

4. THIS FORMULATION AVOIDS THE ATTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHILE STRESSING THE EXISTING CONSENSUS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY AGREEMENT.

5. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CONCURRENCE IN THE SUGGESTED DRAFT LANGUAGE AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN REPS.

State Dept. review completed

In the context of regional approaches to non-proliferation, I am pleased to announce that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has favorably reported Protocol 1 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Senate is expected shortly to give its advice and consent for ratification. President Reagan will, I am sure, move promptly to deposit our instrument of ratification. This treaty was a farsighted initiative of Latin American countries that has contributed significantly to hemispheric security. While the regime envisaged by the treaty is not yet complete, we hope all nations in the region will make every effort to ensure the full success of this important achievement.

Committee 1 has on its agenda items relating to establishing other nuclear-free zones. The United States Government has taken a keen interest in supporting the Egyptian initiative to establish a Middle Eastern Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. The proposal has great promise, which can be realized only if the states of the region work together to fulfill it. Many problems will have to be solved by those states before the dream of the Middle East as a nuclear weapons free zone can become a reality. The United States stands ready to assist the states of the region, if they wish such assistance, in studying these thorny issues, and in resolving them. We hope that this General Assembly will encourage the project and give it further impetus.